

DAY WE CELEBRATE. THE NEW THEOLOGY.

THE SUCCESSFUL FESTIVITIES OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Events of the Firemen's Races This Morning--Charlotte Won the Hand Reel Race--Sumter's Hard Luck--Firemen Preparing to go Home.

The time honored custom of making the 20th the most conspicuous of holidays, began at an early hour this morning. The visitors from the nearby towns poured into Charlotte by sun rise and each incoming train emptied crowds of visitors at the different stations.

Charlotte's neighbors Salisbury, Concord, Statesville, Greensboro, Rock Hill, Chester and all the towns along the Carolina Central road have done well by us; sending us a large percentage of their best citizens to take part in the celebration of the day that is dear to the hearts of our people and a day that the whole state feels a pride in.

The firemen, military and civilians have done their part nobly and Charlotte is proud that she can number them among her visitors. Owning to the lateness of the hour that the Hose Wagon race took place this morning was unable Wednesday afternoon to state the outcome.

The following were the entries and time of each competing team: Entries: Palmetto, Columbia, R E Lee, Greenville; Monagan, Sumter; Greensboro; Greensboro; Delgar, Sumter.

Greensboro, first time, 4:23 seconds; Palmetto, second time, 5:02.5 seconds; R E Lee failed at plug; Monagan failed to reach minimum water line; The Jelger team failed on account of the hose blowing off at the plug.

The misfortunes of both the Greenville and Sumter teams are regretted by all. Both of these South Carolina towns have good firemen and they deserve special mention. Charlotte always stretches out a hand of welcome to the South Carolina fire laddies and hopes they will come again.

Thursday the first interesting event was the hand reel race. The entries and time were as follows: Entries--Palmetto, of Columbia, Greenville, Charlotte, Anderson, Asheville, Delgar, of Sumter, and the Falcon of Greenville.

Time--Palmetto, 24; Greenville, 26; Delgar, 26; Falcon, 25 1/5. Charlotte and Columbia tied for first prize, the and the Columbia boys, rather than run the tie off conceded the race to Charlotte; the championship of the Carolinas, the flag and the two teams divided the prize money. Each receiving \$50.

The grab race was the next event. The entries were Palmetto, Greensboro, Charlotte, Anderson, Asheville, and Delgar. Time: Palmetto, to by 15 seconds, water 22; Greensboro, to hydrant 15 2-5, water 21; Charlotte, to hydrant 15 1-5, water 21 1-5; Anderson, bursted; Asheville, to hydrant 14 4-5, water 22 2-5.

The Delgar team, of Sumter, failed at the nozzle. They made the best time to the hydrant, making it in 14 seconds. The hard luck that Sumter played in all through the different events was phenomenal. Their "Masco" must have been left at home and their "Jonah" substituted.

The oldest firemen say that they have never seen such a bad streak of luck as the Sumter boys have played in. Come again boys. You have our well wishes if you are not prize winners.

The military display at the park on Wednesday was a beautiful sight. All of the visiting companies participated. The military medal, also donated by Mr. Chadwick, will be awarded on tomorrow.

The Seaboard Air Line brought in nine car loads of people from Monroe Thursday. A. T. & O. vestibule was crowded to the trucks, and carried a number of extra coaches. The Southern brought in crowds of people on every train from almost every direction, the cars being packed full and overflowing.

President James D. McNeill, of the State firemen's association, is here, attending the firemen's meet. He says the Fayetteville boys are preparing for the largest meeting in the association's history, and the town on the Cape Fear will give the firemen a warm welcome at their meeting the first week in August.

To Run Pullman Chair Cars. The Seaboard Air Line has made another stroke of enterprise that will be appreciated by the traveling public. On and after May 29th, Pullman chair cars will be run daily on the day trains between Charlotte and Wilmington, at the usual rate of Pullman day fare. The Saturday rate of \$2 for the seashore trip to Wilmington goes on next Saturday. The building of Mr. George Campbell's new seaside hotel will, with these conveniences, attract many Charlotte visitors to this ocean resort.

Death of Mrs. E. S. Barnett. Mrs. R. S. Barnett died at her home in Hopewell Saturday. She had been in bad health for several weeks but her illness did not assume a serious stage until Friday. She was an aunt of Messrs. D. R. and J. M. Harry, of Charlotte, and one of Mecklenburg's noblest women. A husband and eight children survive her. The funeral took place at Hopewell church Sunday at noon. The pastor, Rev. R. D. Stimpson, officiated. The interment was in the church yard.

Nothing Heard From Parson Smith. Strother French, the negro who is accused of robbing Parson B. D. Smith, of Catawba county, last week, is still in the toils at the police station. Nothing has been heard from the Catawba county preacher, and the police are now under the impression that Rev. Smith will not appear against the Rev. Negro.

DR. SMITH ATTACKS LATTER-DAY THEOLOGICALS.

The Assembly Reduces Amount Asked for Home Missions to \$40,000--Mass Meeting for Foreign Missions Tonight.

Wednesday the Presbyterian general assembly was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. Tucker Graham. Dr. J. C. Mallory offered prayer, and after the reading of the 91st Psalm, Dr. R. P. Farria prayed.

At the opening of the assembly the chairman called the order of the day, which was the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, but Dr. Smoot, of Texas, asked that the assembly hear the reading of the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools so that it could be placed on the docket, and an hour set for its discussion; there being no objection, the report was read and placed on the docket.

Dr. Mallard, chairman of the committee on Bills and Overtures, read some interesting overtures from various Presbyteries and Synods and these with their answers were placed upon the docket. An overture from the Memphis Presbytery in regard to publishing notices in Sunday newspapers will no doubt call forth some interesting discussion. The committee recommended that the assembly prohibit the handing in of notices to Sunday papers and also to papers which are set up on Sunday to be printed Monday.

This committee also recommended that the Anniversary addresses, which have been delivered at this session of the assembly be printed and subscriptions solicited.

The regular order was then proceeded with. Dr. Price read the report of the standing committee on home missions was approved down to the recommendations, which were passed seriatim.

The consideration of the report called forth considerable discussion. Dr. Dabney made a few terse remarks on the recommendation of the report, that the assembly insist upon the observance of September as January as the time for taking collections for home missions. Dr. Dabney said that some of the Synods were going contrary to the rulings, not observing the time mentioned, and that unless stringent measures were adopted, the final result would be the breaking up of the Presbyterian church. He favored the adoption of the recommendation and the urging of the churches to a strict observance of the two months for this purpose.

Short earnest speeches were made by two Texas evangelists and several others.

The committee recommended that the assembly appropriate \$50,000 for home mission work and \$20,000 for ministerial relief. Rev. A. A. Little, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, moved that it be changed to \$40,000. Rev. Guinn, of Virginia, opposed the amendment, saying that he believed it would be suicidal to reduce the amount. Rev. Washburn supported the amendment on the ground that the people east of the Mississippi have suffered several severe reverses and are not able to give as much as formerly. Dr. Craig announced that \$50,000 was asked for last year, but only \$21,000 was raised, and insisted on asking for \$50,000. Mr. Little's amendment was adopted. The remainder of the report went over as unfinished business.

DR. SMITH'S ADDRESS.

At noon today, after a five minutes' recess, the assembly continued the Westminster celebration. Dr. Shearer read hymn 248, and Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Greensboro, led in prayer. The special order was the address of Dr. Samuel M. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., on "The Westminster Symbols in their Relation to Current Popular Theology." He said one of the marked features of current popular theology is that it is not supported by scripture. Its supporters claim a biblical foundation, but they never give a scripture text to support their statement. "Here," said Dr. Smith, "is the history of Chas. H. Briggs and said when Briggs spoke of biblical criticism he meant Briggs' criticism, as was evident to anyone reading his writings. He was very severe in his arraignment of the whole school of modern theology, saying it was 'nothing more than Paganism spiritualized.' 'Nothing more than the pale ghost of Pantheism kept in from becoming blank Atheism.'"

The address showed thorough preparation and evinced a great amount of research.

He said in closing that if the modern theologians would prepare a catechism with the first question and answer free of charge, and it would be as follows: "What is the chief end of man?" Answer, "To live and glorify man."

At the close of the address Dr. Mallard offered prayer.

Dug Up a Soldier's Bone.

This morning while excavating for the heating apparatus of the new county court house, a negro laborer dug up a bone, which Mr. J. B. Kimbrell found to be the shin-bone of a human skeleton. On the site of the new court house a number of revolutionary soldiers were buried, and this is supposed to be a part of one of these skeletons.

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SEPARATE CHURCH.

COLORED PRESBYTERIANS WANT ONE OF THEIR OWN.

Dr. Moses D. Hoge's Superb Address on the Relation of the Westminster Standards to Foreign Missions.

The Presbyterian General Assembly convened promptly at 9:30 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Dean, of Alabama. He read the forty-third Psalm, after which Rev. John W. Hill led in prayer. An account of the illness of Mrs. J. R. Howerton all singing was dispensed with, and a special prayer was offered for her recovery by Dr. S. J. Alexander, of Arkansas.

The moderator called the general assembly to order. An additional commissioner was enrolled, Rev. J. C. Caruthers. A telegram from the Northern Presbyterian Assembly in session at Eagle Lake, Ind., to the General Assembly at Charlotte, was read, sending fraternal greetings.

A communication from the president of Biddle University, inviting the assembly to visit the school in a body was presented.

Dr. Dabney, chairman of the standing committee on ministerial education, asked to submit a short report from his committee to the committee which was docketed Monday. Motion was taken from the docket and considered. Dr. Malloy reading the report seriatim. The part of the report in regard to giving help to young ministers occasioned considerable discussion. The report recommended the change of the week of prayer for the young ministers, from the last Monday in November to the last Thursday in February. Dr. Dabney, of Texas, and Dr. Beattie, of Louisville, Ky., discussed this portion of the report. Dr. Dabney asked for the adoption of the report.

The first special order of the day was the report of the standing committee on Colored Evangelization. Dr. J. W. Bachman, chairman, read the report, which was adopted. The report recommended the establishment of a separate church for colored people, and also the raising of \$5,000 for the colored seminary at Abbeville, S. C., recommended by the last General Assembly, saying that he believed that the Presbyterian church, more than all others, should carry the Gospel to the negro, not because the negro was inclined to Presbyterianism, but because he needed it on account of his natural superstition.

Dr. Bachman, after reading his report, made a few remarks in explanation of it, and asked that the Assembly hear short addresses by the evangelists among the colored people.

Rev. O. B. Wilson and the president of the Seminary at Abbeville, S. C., Rev. Williams (colored), made addresses. Rev. Wilson told of his work among the colored people of the South and their great need of Christianity. Williams made an appeal for a separate church for colored people. He said he did not want you to turn us out, but we want you to let us draw and organize a church of our own.

The report was unanimously adopted. The report of the committee on ministerial education was then taken up, and Dr. J. B. Shearer, of Davidson College addressed the assembly in opposition to the report, as it favored control of private help to students. The part of the report to which he objected was amended and then passed.

The hour having arrived for Dr. Hoge's address, which was the order for 12 o'clock, a recess of five minutes was taken.

At 12 o'clock Dr. Reed called the Assembly to order and Dr. Hemp-hill led in prayer. Dr. Reed introduced Dr. Hoge, whose subject was, "The Relation of the Westminster Standards to Foreign Missions," for an hour he held the audience spell-bound by his eloquent mastery address. He reviewed the early history of the Church in Scotland and England and its opposition to Foreign Missions. He said when invited to make this address he hesitated, because he could not see the relation between the two, but now he could see how God brought good out of the opposition. He spoke eloquently of three great Missionaries, and glowing tributes to their memories, Brainerd, Duff and Wilson.

Dr. J. W. Bachman offered prayer.

Another Factory for Charlotte.

Mr. A. C. Summerville is erecting on his South Graham street property a building 125x60. It is to be used for a factory for the manufacture of pig pens, back bands and such goods. The machinery has already been purchased and the new enterprise will be in running order by the 1st of September. This section is a good market for the goods Mr. Summerville contemplates making.

To go to Columbia.

The Sunday school of the A. R. P. church will run its annual excursion to Columbia, S. C., June 10th. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.25 and only a limited number of tickets will be sold. The train will leave here at 6:30 a. m. and return at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Fife Resting a Week.

Evangelist W. P. Fife has closed a successful meeting at Durham, resulting in 250 conversions. He and Mrs. Fife have gone to Seven Springs to rest before opening a meeting at Lexington, Kentucky.

Goes to the Central.

W. A. Foll, who has been chief clerk at the Arlington, has accepted the position of night clerk at the Central, and will in a few days enter upon the duties of his new position.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists, 25c.

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TO DAVIDSON.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VISITS THE COLLEGE.

Short Session Held this Morning--Annual Report of the Louisville Seminary--Dr. G. B. Strickler's Address.

The morning session of the General Assembly transacted very little work Monday. The Assembly heard the annual report of the Theological Seminary at Louisville. The report was referred to the standing committee on theological seminaries.

An overture was presented to limit the term of office of the clerks of the assembly to four years. This was voted down.

The assembly then listened to an admirable address from Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Virginia, on the shorter catechism.

They adjourned at the noon hour. That afternoon at 2:45 o'clock the members of the General Assembly and a number of Charlotte people left on a special train for Davidson College. The train was chartered by the trustees of the college and was complimentary to the General Assembly. They go on a tour of inspection; to look over the workings of the college.

PRESTON MEMORIAL WINDOW.

Impressive Ceremonies of the Dedication Yesterday Afternoon.

Sunday afternoon the curtains were drawn aside, and the Preston memorial window with its "vision of St. John, the beloved" shone forth in all its beauty.

Probably the largest crowd that has ever gathered at the historic First Presbyterian church was in attendance. Not only the large main auditorium, but the Sunday school room and the galleries were filled to overflowing, and several hundred were turned away unable to gain admittance to the building.

Mr. Walter W. Watt, who has been so largely instrumental in raising the fund for the memorial, presided over the solemn ceremonies of the occasion.

The choir sang the anthem "Let Not Your Heart be Troubled," after which Rev. Dr. McPheters, of Columbia, S. C., read as the scripture lesson Rev. 21:1 and Rev. 22:1 and hymn No. 508, "Lo! What a Glorious Sight Appears," was sung. Rev. Moses D. Hoge, the aged Presbyterian divine of Richmond, Va., offered an impressive prayer. Miss Bonnie Oates sang the superb "I know that my Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's "Messiah."

Messrs. E. V. Fainlayson and W. R. Foreman drew aside the curtains that veiled the window; and Mr. W. H. G. Belt, of Baltimore, in an appropriate address, on behalf of the traveling men who were its donors, presented the window to the church.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the church, in a fine address, accepted the beautiful memorial. He read the poem "St. John, the Aged," with which Dr. Preston one year ago closed his memorable sermon to traveling men.

The choir sang the anthem "How bright those glorious spirits shine," after which Rev. J. W. Staggs, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, delivered the address, which was in every way worthy of the occasion.

"Jerusalem, my happy home," was sung by the choir, and with the benediction the solemn ceremonies of the afternoon were brought to a close.

The window is one of the most beautiful seen here, representing the vision of St. John, the Beloved.

NEW CITY DIRECTORY.

Ten Men Began Work on One for Charlotte This Morning.

Charlotte is to have a new city directory, and one arranged in the style that prevails in many of the larger cities.

E. M. Chittenden, one of the proprietors of the Maloney Directory Co., arrived this morning, and began work on the undertaking. He has with him ten assistants, and they are working simultaneously, and are enabled to cover a city in a fraction of the time usually required to compile a volume of this kind.

In addition to the regular directory of names, business, etc., the new volume will have a street and avenue directory, taking up each street in its alphabetical order, and giving by numbers the names of the residents on the street. This new feature will especially commend itself to business men.

Through Mail Cars to Jacksonville. Beginning Monday through mail cars equipped for several clerks will be run from Charlotte to Jacksonville over the Southern and the Florida Central and Peninsular roads. They will be run on trains Nos. 35 and 37 and 36 and 38. The mail clerks that will handle this mail will go through from Charlotte to Jacksonville with the cars. It will be a long run for the route agents, but the mail service will be greatly improved.

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MODERATOR MALLARD CALLS THE ASSEMBLY TO ORDER.

Large Attendance--Rev. Dr. Geo. Goethchins Elected Moderator--A Fine Opening Sermon.

The thirty fifth General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church convened in the First Presbyterian church, this city, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Rev. Dr. R. Q. Mallard of New Orleans, the Moderator, in the chair. The church and Sunday school were filled with delegates and visitors. The assembly, rising, sang "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," and Dr. Mallard repeated the Lord's prayer. He then announced Hymn No. 990, "Hail thou God of grace and glory." The 27th Psalm was read.

Dr. J. W. Walden of Athens, Ga., offered the opening prayer, after which Dr. J. R. Howerton announced the hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord."

Dr. Mallard announced as his text numbers 10:38, 36, "And it came to pass when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return; O Lord unto the many thousands of Israel."

The journeyings of Israel has been called the march of mysteries. It began with the miracle by which a nation marched through a sea of dry land. To march that mighty host of two millions across the sea in a single night, Jehovah must have led out a broad path.

The march ended with a miracle; they had to cross the rapid Jordan when it had overflowed its banks with the spring floods; and again the waters were rolled back and they had dry land. The movements of the hosts were ever directed by the pillar of fire, and inspiration seemed important enough to give the minute details of their marchings.

The preacher then gave a minute account of the tabernacle in all its points; and soaring aloft over all was the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The Holy Ghost has with equal minuteness described the march; he then pictured the events of a single day's march.

I have been desiring to you not one of the great ethnic movements of the world; it was the march of a nation, but one consecrated as the trustee of the hope of the world. It was the march of the immaculate church itself, from which she would be set again on Mt. Zion to send its light out to the world.

It teaches us three lessons: 1st, interdenominational fellowship; the different denominations but the different squadrons of the church, all with a common purpose marching to the same great end. There is no talk of the "evils" of the divisions; the Lord prays for unity with himself, and that prayer remains uncancelled for nineteen centuries. Once the church had the visible unity, but it was the unity of contraction, and was the imperial ecumenism of Rome; it was a period of intellectual night and spirit death. What the church needs, in essentials unity, in non-essentials diversity, in all things charity.

Men differ in regard to all secular things; why not in religion? The fault is not with the religion, but with man. Let us remember that we be brethren. 2nd, sectarianism is one thing and denominationalism another; for one we have no apology, for the other no excuse. 3rd, a right individualism; the private Confession of faith made the General; we do not need more leaders, we need more consecrated homes; earnest church members. Piety begins in an intensely individual, personal question. To save himself is to save others; he is made a better father, husband, citizen. Convert the individual and you save the race. God's plan is to save from centre to circumference; the new method to save from circumference to centre. By the Lord's method the world will be saved. And God himself in incarnate love will tent with man upon the earth.

He referred to the anniversary of the Westminster Standards; and the formation of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly. The meeting at Augusta, he said was a gathering of giants. No one mind dominated the assembly. For thirteen days and nights they were engaged in prayerfully, carefully laying the foundations of the Southern Assembly. The Great Hallel of the church has signally blessed us, and we live a strong, homogenous Presbyterian body. Let us broaden our catholicity until it shall embrace the whole family of God, but let us cling tighter and more lovingly to our own branch of the church. It stands for something:

1. A positive written creed, resting on the bed-rock of the word of God.

2. Entire separation of church and State.

3. A male, educated, divinely called and regularly ordained gospel ministry, co-ordinated by an elected and Presbyterially ordained eldership.

We shall always be found close to the base of the pillar of cloud that shall lead us on to victory for God.

The Moderator then called the General Assembly to order, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll of commissioners from the different Synods which make up the Assembly was called.

The election of officers was the first business before the convention. The following officers were elected: Rev. Dr. George T. Goethchins, of Rome, Ga., Moderator.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Richmond, Va., permanent clerk, Rev. Dr. Robert P. Farris, temporary clerk, Rev. Dr. J. H. Wiggins, of Bonham, Texas; and Rev. Dr. A. R. Cooke, of Waynesboro, Va.

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DEATH OF SENATOR EARLE.

He Passed Peacefully Away at His Home in Greenville Yesterday Afternoon.

United States Senator Joseph H. Earle, of South Carolina, died at his home in Greenville Thursday afternoon at 5:25 o'clock. Senator Earle has been sick for five or six weeks, but it was not until last week that his death was anticipated. It was thought at first that the attack was only temporary and that he would be able to resume his seat in the senate within a few days. Complications ensued, however, and finally the physicians discovered symptoms of Bright's disease.

Senator Earle has been a prominent figure in South Carolina politics for many years. In 1890 he made a canvass of the State for the nomination of governor, but was defeated by B. R. Tillman, who was nominated by the Reform movement, after whose nomination General Earle refused to oppose him, though strongly urged to do so. After General Earle made the fight against Tillman in 1890, he returned to his home in Sumter county and resumed the practice of his profession.

Last summer General Earle entered the campaign for the primary nomination for United States senator to succeed J. L. M. Irby. He made a gallant fight pitched on a high plane. When the first primary was over it was found that a second would be necessary. It was held and General Earle defeated John Gary Evans, then governor. The legisla-ture unanimously elected him to the position in January last and in March he took his seat in the United States senate, where he was well received.

At the afternoon session of the General Assembly yesterday the report of the standing committee on publication was considered. The report called forth considerable discussion but was finally passed.

LAST NIGHT'S MASS MEETING.

Presbyterian Assembly Considers its Home Mission Work.

At the afternoon session of the General Assembly yesterday the report of the standing committee on publication was considered. The report called forth considerable discussion but was finally passed.

Dr. Pitzer presented the report in part as follows: The Presbytery of Winchester further overtures this Assembly for a careful revision of all blanks and the elimination therefrom of everything superfluous, indefinite or obscure. In answer thereto, we recommend: First, That the statistical report remain unchanged. Second, That the systematic beneficence report shall embrace only the following items: Foreign missions, Assembly's home missions, local home missions, colored evangelization, relief and invalid fund education.

Third, The Sabbath school reports shall embrace: (a) number of schools